

## Message Text

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ACTION NEA-11

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FM AMCONSUL ALEXANDRIA  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 1731  
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C O N F I D E N T I A L ALEXANDRIA 0365

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PINT, EG  
SUBJ: GUMRUK BY-ELECTION

REF: (A) ALEXANDRIA 0349, (B) ALEXANDRIA 0364,

1. ARTICLE IN AL AKHBAR MAY 11 ON "THE ELECTION CAMPAIGN"  
ADDS A FEW COMMENTS OF INTEREST ON THE GUMRUK BY-ELECTION,  
NOT REPORTED REFTELS -- OR REPORTED SLIGHTLY DIFFERENTLY.

2. AL-AKHBAR ESTIMATES TOTAL VOTERS IN THE GUMRUK AREA OF  
ALEXANDRIA TO BE 48,000, 3,000 OF WHOM ARE WOMEN. 45,000  
MALE VOTERS ARE SPLIT 15,000 IN MANCHIEH AND 30,000 IN GUMRUK  
PROPER. MANCHIEH VOTERS ARE REPORTEDLY MAINLY MERCHANTS,  
INCLUDING GOLDSMITHS. THESE TEND TO FAVOR CANDIDATES WHO  
PROMISE BETTER BUSINESS CONDITIONS; THEY DEPLORE LEFTIST  
PROGRAMS. GOLDSMITHS ARE HOUSED IN AN AREA SCHEDULED FOR  
DEMOLITION, SO THAT THE CANDIDATES' ATTITUDE TOWARD DEMO-  
LITION IS IMPORTANT FOR THEM.

3. GUMRUK CONTAINS MANY FISHERMEN AND ASSOCIATED TRADES,  
SO PROGRAMS FOR FISHING ARE IMPORTANT HERE. HOWEVER, IF THE  
WEATHER IS GOOD ON ELECTION DAY MOST OF THE VOTERS WILL BE  
OUT FISHING, ACCORDING TO AL-AKHBAR.

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4. THE PAPER INDICATES THAT A LARGE MISR PARTY RALLY WAS  
PLANNED UNDER THE GENERAL DIRECTION OF PM MAMDOUH SALEM.

5. THE AL-AKHBAR ARTICLE ALSO GIVES A BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF  
INDEPENDENT CANDIDATES, ADDING SALAH EL-DIN ABDEL RAHMAN,  
A TAILOR AND FREQUENT UNSUCCESSFUL CANDIDATE FOR THE ASSEMBLY,

TO THE LIST ALREADY REPORTED.

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